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142 puniſhment. Although in outward appearance they reſemble the other inhabitants of *Siberia*, yet the *Kamtſchadales* differ in this, that their faces are not ſo long as the other *Siberians*', their cheeks ſtand more out, their teeth are thick, their mouth large, their ſtature middling, and their ſhoulders broad, particularly thoſe people who inhabit the ſea coaſt.

515 Their manner of living is ſlovenly to the laſt degree; they never
302 waſh their hands nor face, nor cut their nails; they eat out of the
264 ſame diſh with the dogs, which they never waſh; every thing about them ſtinks of fiſh; they never comb their heads, but both men and women plait their hair in two locks, binding the ends with ſmall ropes: when any hair ſtarts out, they ſow it with threads to make it lie cloſe; by this means they have ſuch a quantity of lice that they can ſcrape them off by handfuls, and they are naſty enough even to eat them. Thoſe that have not natural hair ſufficient wear falſe locks, ſometimes as much as weigh ten pounds, which makes their heads look like a hay-cock.

762 They have extraordinary notions of God, of ſins, and good
181 actions. Their chief happineſs conſiſts in idleneſs and ſatisfying
517 their natural luſts and appetites; theſe incline them to ſinging,
554 dancing, and relating of love ſtories Their greateſt unhappineſs
157 or trouble is the want of theſe amuſements: they ſhun this by all methods, even at the hazard of their lives, for they think it more eligible to die than to lead a life that is diſagreeable to them; which opinion frequently leads them to ſelf-murder. This was ſo common after the conqueſt, that the *Ruſſians* had great difficulty to put a ſtop to it. They are chiefly employed in providing what is abſolutely neceſſary for the preſent, and take no care for the future. They have no notion of riches, fame, or honour; therefore covetouſneſs, ambition, and pride, are unknown among them. On the other hand, they are careleſs, luſtful, and
578 cruel: theſe vices occaſion frequent quarrels and wars among them ſometimes

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better; the *Jakutſki* alſo dig deep pits, in which they lay their fiſh, ſprinkling it with wood aſhes, and cover it with leaves at top, and over all put a layer of earth: this method is better than any of the former. The *Tunguſi* and Coſſacks of *Ochotſka* preſerve their fiſh in the ſame manner, with this difference only, that inſtead of wood aſhes, they uſe the aſhes of burnt ſea weed. They boil their freſh fiſh in troughs, take it out with boards, and letting it cool, eat it with a ſoup made of the ſweet graſs.

As for the fleſh of land and ſea animals, they boil it in their troughs, with ſeveral different herbs and roots; the broth they drink out of ladles and bowls, and the meat they take out upon boards, and eat in their hands. The whale and ſea horſe fat they alſo boil with roots.

There is a principal diſh at all their feaſts and entertainments, called *ſelaga*, which they make by pounding all ſorts of different roots and berries, with the addition of caviar, and whale and ſeals' fat.

Before the conqueſt they ſeldom uſed any thing for drink but water: but when they made merry they drank water which had ſtood ſome time upon muſhroons; but of this hereafter. At preſent they drink ſpirits as faſt as the *Ruſſians*: after dinner they drink water; and every one, when he goes to bed at night, ſets a veſſel of water by him, to which he puts ſnow or ice to keep it cold; and always drinks it up before morning. In the winter time they amuſe themſelves frequently by throwing handfuls of ſnow into their mouths; and the bridegrooms who work with the fathers of their future brides find it their hardeſt task to provide ſnow for their family in the ſummer time, for they muſt bring it from the higheſt hills be the weather what it will, otherwiſe they would ſo diſoblige as never to be forgiven.